Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

3rd ID helps round up rattlesnakes

Randy Murray Public Affairs Specialist

Rattlesnakes are not the sort of wildlife most people get excited about, at least not in a positive way. Unlike rabbits, whitetail deer or eagles, pit vipers just don't endear themselves to a lot of folks. Nonetheless, about 12,000 people, including hundreds of Soldiers and Family Members from Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, gathered in Claxton, Ga., March 14 and 15 to celebrate the rattlesnake at the 42nd Annual Rattlesnake Roundup.

Soldiers participated in the parade that kicked off the two-day event, which included a Color guard from 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division; the 3rd ID band; and Brig. Gen. Patrick Donahue, 3rd ID deputy commander (maneuvers).

"We enjoy getting out and supporting our communities," said Sgt. 1st Class Frank Barlow, 3rd ID band. "Most of our Soldiers live on the economy, and (the communities) do so much for us. It's good to be able to give something back."

The band, led by drum major, Staff Sgt. Donald Gordon, and the director, Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Campbell, followed behind the Color guard, supervised by Sgt. 1st Class George Guardado. Private First Class Joseph Bernard carried the national colors; Staff Sgt. Matthew Craft carried the Army colors; and Pfc. Nichols Long carried the 3rd ID colors. Corporal Travis Glasson and Sgt. Bennie White enclosed the flag bearers. Lieutenant Colonel Stan Fugate, 1st BCT deputy commander marched behind the division band.

In addition to the military, local leaders, civic groups, law enforcement and the fire department, other dignitaries attended the parade, including Georgia State Senator Jack Hill and U.S. Congressman John Barrow, who walked the entire parade route, shaking hands with community members.

Following the parade, Snakemaster Steve Scruggs with "Let's Get Wild" entertained spectators at the Evans County Wildlife Club with snake handling demonstrations and information about the rattlesnake and other snakes that are indigenous to South Georgia.

Later that afternoon, the 2009 Rattlesnake Roundup Queen, Sara Purcell, and the 2009 Rattlesnake Roundup Princess, Ashlee Lynn, both of Pinewood Christian High School, were crowned.

After the parade had come to an end, Donahue and a dozen beauty queens participated in a "VIP snake hunt," led by organizer Gibby Barns, who brought along his 3-year-old grandson, Cade Sykes.

Snake hunter Mike Todd escorted guests to a hole he had previously marked as the home of an Eastern Diamondback. Donahue was among the many guests who took advantage of a photo opportunity with the snake, which didn't seem to appreciate all the attention.

"He's a little heavier than I expected," Donahue commented to Todd as he took the "snake stick" that supported the 5-foot snake. "It feels like he weighs about nine or 10 pounds."

Todd agreed. He explained the Eastern Diamondback is not the only rattlesnake found in South Georgia; there are also significant populations of the rare pigmy rattlesnake and the



Brigadier General Patrick Donahue, 3rd ID deputy commander (maneuvers) and snake hunter Mike Todd hold a rattlesnake during the "VIP snake hunt" as part of the 42nd annual Rattlesnake Roundup, held at Claxton, Ga., March 14.

canebrake rattlesnakes, sometimes called timber rattlers.

Todd said Eastern Diamondbacks prefer to nest underground and tend to take advantage ready-made holes dug by the gopher tortoise.

This year's roundup gathered 165 tlesnakes, mostly Eastern Diamondbacks, 75 more snakes than last year. The largest number of snakes gathered for a roundup was 588, gathered in 1992. The roundups help reduce the risk of

snakebite in this rural community. Food vendors were on-hand to feed

the hungry spectators throughout the day with everything from burgers, hotdogs and fries, to BBQ, catfish, onion event, as with all previous events, were rings, ice cream and funnel cakes. not harmed; they will be donated to There was also live entertainment, a medical laboratories where their turkey-calling contest, a climbing wall, a catfish rodeo, farm equipment dis-



Arts and crafts were available at the Rattlesnake Roundup, held at Claxton, Ga., March 14-15.

plays and rows of booths featuring arts and craft. Some of these crafts included leather crafts and trinkets made from you guessed it - rattlesnakes.

The snakes gathered for this year's venom will be used to make antivenom or for medical research.



Brigadier General Patrick Donahue, 3rd ID deputy commander (maneuvers), leads the parade at the Rattlesnake Roundup, held at Claxton, Ga., March 14.

Photo by Spc. Crisma Albarran

Tiny tankers get a chance to be a Soldier for a day

Nickolas Elwell, son of Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Elwell, A Co., 2/69 Armor, 3rd HBCT, 3rd ID, checks out the controls for an M2-A2 Bradley March 7 at Fort Benning, Ga. The exhibition was part of 2/69 Armor's Family Day. Soldiers' Families and friends were invited to see, touch and feel the weapons that 2/69 uses as part of their mission.

Showcase informs Families

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Seventy vendors representing various Fort Stewart support activities, as well as dozens of organizations from the tri-state community, were open for business at the Spring Community Showcase and Travel Show, March 11 at Club Stewart. Soldiers and Family Members were able to browse among the booths and tables set up in the main ballroom and lobby.

The showcase informs Soldiers and Family Members about the many opportunities available to them in the community and within a three or four hour drive from Fort Stewart. Colorful displays included a Christmas tree, wildlife displays (deer antlers, tortoise shells, even an alligator head), and the world's largest crayon. Among the local attractions were representatives from Fort Morris and Fort Pulaski, whose spokesperson wore Revolutionary War and Civil War uniforms.

"My wife and I work as volunteers at Fort Pulaski," said Paul Philbrooke, dipping the front of his Confederate Soldier's cap toward his wife, Sarah. "I

work with the cannon crew at the fort." Soldier and Family support activities included the commissary; main exchange; Sgt. 1st C lass Paul R. Smith education center; Winn Army Community Hospital; Child, Youth and School Services; Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Travel Office; and Directorate of Public

Environmental and Fish and Wildlife

divisions. Representatives from the

Midway Museum, Mighty Eighth Air

Force Museum, Bamboo Farms and

Gardens, as well as the Kennedy Space Center and Valdosta's Wild Adventures theme park displayed brochures and flyers explaining their Family friendly

entertainment. A representative from Cordele, Ga. was there to talk about their Watermelon Festival, and St. Marys, the gateway to the Cumberland Island National Seashore, had someone onhand to talk about their community. Other vendors included colleges, military ministries, motels, banks and United Way. Paschal Brewer was there to promote his Christmas Tree Farm near Midway, which offers fresh-cut trees during the Christmas season and fresh fruits and berries in the spring and summer.

Robert Peters and Angel Sizemore occupied a booth that attracted several Soldiers and spouses. They lead an organization called Warrior Vacations that arrange for condo owners on Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach, Fla. to donate their condo units to active duty Soldiers and their Families for a weekend getaway. The only costs incurred by the Soldier are the cleanup fees. Soldiers interested should go to www.warriorvactions.org.

Near the end of the day, Brig. Gen. Thomas Vandal, 3rd Infantry Division (Support) deputy commanding general awarded a special trophy to the vendor with the most colorful and informative display. It was a tie between the Hinesville Art Council's Small World Festival and the Keep Liberty Beautiful/United Way displays. Keep Liberty Beautiful won in a coin toss.

Plan to visit the Fall Community

Showcase in October.

MWR Briefs

Watch the Marne Madness Championship

The two top company-level, active-duty intramural teams will square off in the title game at 7 p.m. March 25 at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919.

The contest will decide who has the right to say they are the best in the 3rd ID.

Twenty-four teams from Stewart and 13 from Hunter have been competing at Newman and Tominac Fitness Centers since the first week of December to earn right to play in championship game. There is no charge for game admission. For details, call 315-5614 (Hunter) or 767-8238 (Stewart).

Take part in GC's Golf Scramble

The 2009 tournament season kicks off March 27 with the Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble. Registration will close March 25.

Play will begin at 8 a.m., March 27 with a shotgun start at Taylors Creek Golf Course, building 2150. The entry fee is \$35 for DoD ID cardholders and Golf Club members, or \$40 for civilian guest.

Cost includes tournament fee, golf car, driving range balls and tournament prizes. Mulligan's will be sold separately. The first 25 foursomes will be accepted.

There is a new playing policy with regards to three-somes. For more information, call 767-2370.

Sign-Up for Family Survivor Weekend

The Family Survivor Weekend is scheduled for March 27-28 at Holbrook Pond at Fort Stewart and Lotts Island at Hunter. The cost is \$25 per Family and includes a Survivor T-shirt. Space is limited.

The MWR-sponsored event is based on the popular CBS reality TV show but modified for Family-friendly competition. Families do not have to camp out overnight, unless they want to do so at their own expense.

Families will divide into tribes Friday night. The Family with the best tribal flag and slogan will be honored Saturday with a catered dinner.

Families will also go on a scavenger hunt, be required to start a fire without a lighter or matches and treat and build a litter for a Family Member with a simulated "broken arm."

There also will be arts and crafts, wheelbarrow races and other activities.

For details, call 767-4316. Fort Stewart registration will be at the Leisure Activities Center (767-2841). Registration at Hunter will be at Outdoor Recreation (315-9554).

The deadline for registration is March 26.

Sign-Up for Spring Time in Orlando Trip

There's still time to register for the Spring Time in Orlando trip scheduled April 4-6. The sign-up deadline is Friday.

The Group will depart early morning from Hunter Leisure Travel Office Building 1279 to Orlando. The \$275 cost includes 1-4 persons per hotel room, transportation and two Wonder Works admission tickets. For additional information, call 315-3674.

Pets of the Week



Luke the dog and Raven the cat are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



AAFES

New In Town

Today — 7 p.m.

(Renee Zellweger, Harry Connick Jr.)

Lucy is an ambitious executive living in Miami. She loves her shoes, her cars and climbing the corporate ladder. When she is offered a temporary assignment in the middle of nowhere to restructure a manufacturing plant, she jumps at the opportunity, knowing that a big promotion is close at hand. What begins as a straight forward job assignment becomes a life changing experience as Lucy discovers greater meaning in her life and most unexpectedly, the man of her dreams. *Rated PG (language, suggestive material) 96 min*

Paul Blart: Mall Cop

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Kevin James, Jayma Mays)

Paul is a single, suburban dad, trying to make ends meet as a security officer at a New Jersey mall. It's a job he takes very seriously, though no one else does. When Santa's helpers at the mall stage a coup, shutting down the megaplex and taking hostages - Jersey's most formidable mall cop will have to become a real cop to save the day. Rated PG (violence, mild crude/suggestive humor, language) 121 min

Taken

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace)

Bryan, a former secret agent relies on his old skills to save Kim, his 17-year-old, estranged daughter, who has been forced into the slave trade. Using his contacts in the CIA and the business connections of his ex-wife's husband, he travels to Paris to find her. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of violence, disturbing thematic material, sexual content, drug references, language) 91 min

PRESENTS——TODAY THROUGH MARCH 22



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

National Poison Prevention Week March 21-27

Lt. Col. Cheryl Filby
Chief of Dept. of Pharmacy

During National Poison Prevention Week, March 21-27, Winn Army Community Hospital wants to remind you to keep your Family safe by taking some simple steps to prevent poisonings. Did you know that in 2005, 50.9% of all calls to poison centers involved children under six? Poisonings happen more often than car accidents or house fires. That's true, especially among young children. Did you know that each year in the United States about one million possible poisonings are reported for children under 6 years old and approximately 90% of poisonings occur in the home?

The most frequently involved substances were:

- Cosmetics and personal care products,13.4%
- Household cleaning substances, 9.8%
- Pain relievers, 8.2%
- Toys and foreign bodies, 7.4%
- Topical preparations and creams, 7.2%
- Cough and cold substances, 5.7%

While more than half of the calls involved children, more than 70 percent of all poisoning deaths

occur in adults ages 20 to 59. Many adults are unaware that alcohol, medicines and other products can poison you. Also, many adults do not guard against carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is a poison that can kill children and adults. It has no smell. You can't see it. You don't know when it's present. That makes it very dangerous.

The following tips will help you and your Family to prevent poisonings:

- Always store medicines and household products up high. Lock them up and out of reach of children.
- Use child resistant packaging on medicines and household products. Remember: they're child-resistant, not child-proof.
- Take your medicines when children cannot watch. Children learn by imitation.
- Every time you give or use a product, read the label and follow safety precautions.
- Keep products in their original containers. Mistaken identity could cause a serious poisoning.
- Turn on fans and open windows when using household and chemical products.
- Keep the poison help number (1-800-222-1222) near your phones and program the number in your

cell phones.

The poison help number (1-800-222-1222) can provide help with any poisoning situation, no matter your age. You can talk to an expert 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Remember, 911 is a very important number to call in emergencies, but for poisoning events, it is best to call poison help. Poison help is best at handling poisonings and answering questions about them.

Often, an expert at poison help can help you over the phone. The expert can give first aid advice. He or she can tell you what to look for. In fact, more than 70 percent of poisonings are taken care of on the phone. If you call poison help, you will be connected to the poison center for your area. You will not talk to a national phone operator; you will talk to a local expert.

If the poison expert thinks you have an emergency that requires hands-on care, the expert will tell you to call 911. It is important to keep 911 in mind for all other emergencies. In any situation, even poisonings, if someone is not breathing, call 911.

Some information for this aricle was provided by the Department of Healt h and Human Services.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

March 2

- Colton Andrew Thomas Hull, a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. James Hull and Lorinda Hull.
- Victor Thomas Patti, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher Patti and Amy Patti.

March 3

- Tariq Adil Elnour; a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Maj. Adil Elnour and Yosra Fabul.
- Izabella Jolenna Fallon, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher P. Fallon and Crystal J. Fallon.
- Jaden Nasir Williams, a boy, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Paul Williams and Elista Williams.

•Steven Noah Kelley-Richmond, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Cassandra Jaleen Richmond.

March 4

- Jahdan Ernesto Candelario, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Jose Candelario and Jessica Candelario.
- •Zayne Archer Denman, a boy, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Nathan Denman and Kristen Denman.
- •Nathan Joseph Woods, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Navin Woods and Latasha Woods.

March 5

- •Bryson Louis-Harold Meaut, a boy, 9 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Louis Meaut and Heather Meaut.
- •Memphis Ray Jones, a boy, 7 pounds,

1 ounce, born to Pfc. Anthony Jones and Tabatha Jones.

- Alexander James Ontaneda, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Henry Ontaneda and Jeali Ontaneda.
- Ellie Mabel Walker; a girl, 9 pounds, 5 ounces, born to 2nd Lt. Christopher Russell Walker and Anna Lyn Walker.

March 6

- Sira Nicole Harris, a girl, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Mr. Darius Harris and Pfc. Brandy Harris.
- **Tristan Aiden Bennett**, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Billy J. Bennett and Michelle F. Bennett.
- Alivia Grace Kingery, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Thomas Daniel Kingery and Trina Nicole Kingery.

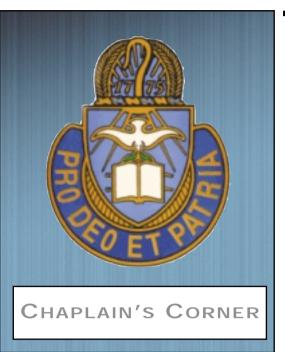
• **Bailey Ava Rose Lewis**, a girl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Kyle Thomas Daniel Lewis and Candace Jasmine Lewis.

March 7

- Layla Jade Bailey, a girl, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Staff Sgt. Justin R. Bailey and Francisca Florentino Bailey.
- Wyatt David Mathis, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Mr. Randle Mathis and 1st Lt. Katelyn Mathis.

March 8

- Katelyn Delilah Cardona, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Isaias Cardona, Jr. and Sarah R. Cardona.
- **Mason Michael West**, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Matthew West and Nicole West.



The Good Fight of Faith

Chap. (Maj) Mike Reeves Garrison Chaplain

The Apostle Paul challenges us in 1 **Timothy 6:12** (NIV) to "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." Paul is quick to remind us, not only in this verse but in many others, of the need for heroism and dedication in living out of our faith.

The current period of conflict brings to mind many heroes, living and not living, who have served heroically and with dedication.

When the Apostle Paul compares faith to a "good fight" he has the example of the dedicated Soldier in mind. In 12 Timothy, Paul challenges us to endure hardship "like a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2:3-5. ESV). The warrior knows the mission and never accepts defeat. His or her goal is always to "please his commanding officer" (2 Timothy 2:4, ESV).

These thoughts beg the question, "What if we applied that same level of excellence, tenacity, dedication and heroism to our faith?" Too often, we muddle around in puddles of uncertainty without a sense of spiritual direction or purpose. This world is

full of things and events that will attempt to distract you from that greatest of battles. James tells us that "the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind" (1:6, ESV). You face a spiritual battle, whether you realize it or not. It is the battle of spirit and faith.

The mission God has given us is clear (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). The question is simple. Are you living heroically in this great battle of faith, or do you need to renew your dedication to the mission and the eternal life to which you were called? Soldier, fight the good fight of the faith.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart Catholic Location Time Saturday Vigil Mass Main Post Chapel 5 p.m. **Sunday Mass** Main Post Chapel 9 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Worship** Marne 11 a.m. **Main Post Gospel Worship** 11 a.m. **Traditional Worship** Marne 9 a.m. **Liturgical Worship** Heritage 11 a.m. Diamond Elementary 11 a.m. Kids' Church PWOC (Wednesday) Main Post Chapel 9:30 a.m. **Islamic** Friday Jum'ah Marne 1:30 p.m. Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546. Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295 Friday 11:30 a.m **Latter-Day Saints** 220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville **Hunter Army Airfield** Catholic **Sunday Mass** Chapel 11 a.m. **Protestant** Sunday Service Chapel 9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday at Stewart School Age Services, across from Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia. Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

For more information, email

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior **High School Students!**

Join us for free games and pizza

Sunday • 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity Center, building 7338.

For more information. contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net

call 877-7207

Saxter Sunrise Service slat

Fort Stewart- Hunter Army Airfield will observe the Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m., April 12 at Marne Garden and outside Hunter Chapel. The service is open to all Soldiers, Family Members, Department of Defense Civilians, retirees and surrounding communities. The uniform for military officers is dress blues with four-in-hand tie; Senior enlisted Soldiers may wear either their dress blues or Class A uniform. The uniform for all other enlisted personnel is Class A.

Live Oak Libraries have more than books **Preschool Storytime**

Live Oak Public Libraries invite children, ages 3-4, to Preschool Storytime for fun with stories, songs and more at 10:30 a.m. each Monday in March.

Tree Tots Storytime

Kids, ages 1-2, are invited to Tree Tots Storytime at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday for an interactive experience.

Help us celebrate the arrival of spring with an hour of Family fun. We'll have spring stories, activities and crafts at the Liberty Branch Library, 2 p.m., Saturday. For more information, call 884-5742. The event is for kids, ages 4 and up.

Work Smarter, Not Harder!

Work Smarter, not Harder, presented by Tommy Johns, allows children to handle wheels, pulleys, levers, wedges, incline planes and screws in a way that makes abstract concepts simple to understand. Kids learn how simple machines maketheir lives easier, 2 p.m., March 28 at the Liberty Branch library.

Computer Practice Session

Want to practice skills that you discovered at the last computer class? How about brushing up on some computer techniques? The Computer Practice Session is the perfect solution. Staff will be ready and able to assist you with any questions that you might

This class is at 10:30 a.m., March 26 at the Liberty Branch Library.

Call 368-4003 for more information.

Jesup arts and crafts nights are ongoing

The South Georgia Gourd Patch, in affiliation with the Wayne County Arts Council, the Georgia Gourd Society and the American Gourd Society invite community members, 7 p.m., every third Monday of the month for an evening of arts and crafts at Cracker Williams Recreation Park in Jesup.

For more information, call 294-7394 or e-mail catsewg@bellsouth.net.

National Infantry Museum opens today

The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center dedication and opening is scheduled for today in Columbus, Ga.

The Soldier Center, which includes an IMAX theater, restaurant, gift shop, lobby, gallery, classrooms, and Ranger and Officer Candidate School Halls of Honor will open as scheduled Friday. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantryfoundation.org.

Low Country Paintball waives greens fees

Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all-day greens fees and gun rental fees for active-duty military during the first weekend of each month. Players can enjoy more than 150 guns across 63 acres. Group rates are available.

For more information, call 663-2314.

Fort McAllister asks for volunteers

Fort McAllister State Historic Park will hold a Civil War Trust Volunteer Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 4. Volunteers will assist the park staff with a spring clean up of the fort and grounds. T-shirts and lunch will be provided for the volunteers. In addition, a historical talk will be given on the fort.

For more information, contact Daniel Brown, park manager, at 727-2339.

3rd ID Society Reunion slated

The 3rd Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peactime will hold their 90th reunion, Sept. 16-20. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Mo. 65804; (417) 883-6500. Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax and includes a free breakfast and free airport transportation.

For additional reunion information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, info@thereunionbrat.com.

Phonebook recycling drive is ongoing

Keep Savannah Beautiful's annual phonebook recycling drive is currently open to donations. Phonebooks, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, books and white office paper are being accepted now through March 31. The collection process uses the existing red and green or yellow bins stationed at schools in Savannah. If your school does not have a bin, phonebooks can be dropped off at 10 Hoss Dr. in Garden City. Their hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 2

Be sure to specify which school you are supporting so they will receive credit for your donation.

For more information, call 964-4224.

StoryCorps comes to Savannah

The Georgia Historical Society and the Telfair Museum of Art are partnering with Georgia Public Broadcasting and local GPB station WSVH to bring StoryCorps, the nation's largest oral history project to Savannah. StoryCorps travels the country collecting the oral histories of friends and loved ones, one conversation at a time.

Sheep to Shawl Festival coming soon

The Sheep to Shawl Festival will be held at Oatland Island Wildlife Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 28. This favorite springtime festival features sheep shearing, a plant sale, entertainment, games and crafts for the kids. Doris Mager, "The Eagle Lady" will also be performing. For more information, call 395-1212 or visit www.oatlandisland.org for a complete schedule of activities.

Community theater holds open auditions

The Hinesville Community Theater will hold auditions for their first production featuring two, one-act plays, "Big Bad" and "The War on Tatum."

Auditions will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday; 6-8 p.m., March 19; and 6-8 p.m., March 20.

Both plays are casting male and female roles ranging from middle school to high school ages. All auditions will be held at the First United Methodist Church at Main Street and Memorial Drive in Hinesville.

For more information, call 877-4332 or e-mail ilbvip@yahoo.com.

Small World event holds planning meeting

The Small World Festival planning committee invites anyone interested in participating in the May 16 international celebration as a musician, dance group, vendor or volunteer to attend a planning meeting at 5:30 p.m., today, at the Liberty County Development Authority, 425 E. Oglethorpe Highway. Applications are now being accepted for all vendors and entertainment. For more information, call 368

Stewart invites community to visit heritage cemeteries

Pat Young

Public Affairs Specialist

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield invites community members to join the semi-annual Fort Stewart Cemetery Council cemetery and historical site visit, 9 a.m., April 28.

The visit will include the Glisson's Mill Pond area with stops at South Salem,

Participants will meet at building

8091, the installation's Pass and Permit Office, on Highway 144. For individuals attending from Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Wayne or other surrounding counties, transportation will be available from the Hinesville, Georgia Army National Guard Armory parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to transport you to building

Port-a-Potty and hand washing stations will be located at various stops along the route. Comfortable clothing and flat walking shoes are suggested for the trip.

In addition, participants may wish to bring a bottle of water for refreshment along the route.

If inclement weather prevails, the cemetery visit will be postponed to a later date with the same itinerary.

Attendees will be given the op The tour will leave shortly after 9 a.m. nity to have lunch at the United States Phillips at 435-9878.

Army Noncommissioned Officers Academy on Fort Stewart. The cost is \$4.25 for the meal. Payment will be collected at the tour's sign-in table for anyone who wishes to eat in the dining facility. Exact change (cash please) is requested to help expedite this activity.

Participants must register by calling Pat Young, 435-9872 no later than April 27 as space is limited. For more information contact Pat Young or Susan



Nancy Gould

Vacation spots found at Hunter Leisure Travel Show

Family Member Davida Harris reviews brochures for popular vacation spots at the 2009 Leisure Travel Show at Hunter Army Airfield's Tominac Fitness Center. Local business and MWR representatives showed attendees what the industry has to offer in and beyond Georgia's coastal area.

The Fly Lady helps Stewart Families clean, organize homes

Lynda Purcell ACS, Marketing

Are you living in CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome)? Do you feel overwhelmed, overextended, and overdrawn? Hopeless, and you don't know where to start?

Come to "FlyFest," featuring Marla Cilley, also known as The Fly Lady, for a special presentation to guide you through baby steps to help you set up routines, get rid of your clutter, and put your home and life in order.

Fly Lady weaves through housecleaning and organizing tips with homespun humor, daily musings about life and love, and anything else that is on her mind.

The name "Fly Lady" was born when Cilley developed her unique mentoring program and she needed a user name for her Web site forums.

When her forum participants learned that she loved to fly fish and she taught it at a local college, one of her members suggested the name and came up with a great acronym for it: Finally Loving Yourself. This is the gift that Fly Lady wants you to

Fly Lady's approach has worked for thousands. It doesn't matter whether you are a male or female, single or married, working in or out of the home, have kids or not; this system can work for you. You can easily adapt Fly Lady's system to fit your own lifestyle.



You will find that with time, your house and life will pull together into manageable missions that will restore peace to your home and your psyche.

Soon, you'll be able to greet guests without fear, find your keys, corral your kids, and most of all, learn how to FLY: Finally Love Yourself.

The presentation begins at 9 a.m. on April 8 at Club Stewart, and everyone who attends will receive a free copy (while supplies last) of Cilley's book entitled "Sink Reflections." Cilley will be available to sign books and chat with attendees at the conclusion of the event.

Soldiers, Family Members, and professionals working with the military are invited to attend. To reserve your seat or for more information, please call ACS-Stewart at 767-5058/5059.

Army Community Service



Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active-duty, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense Civilian Employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family Members.

ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Home buying workshops are available

If you are considering purchasing a home, don't miss the home buying workshop at Fort Stewart, Saturday. Learn to compare the benefits of purchasing versus renting, determine how much you can really afford, and successfully navigate through the home buying process. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the workshop, which begins at 9 a.m. Investing in a home is one of the largest purchases you will make, so take advantage of this educational workshop and become an informed home buyer.

Special Olympics volunteer needed

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Volunteers are needed as huggers, event officials, score sheet runners, food preparation helpers, and the audience and cheering section. To sign up to volunteer, please contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 767-9176/5058/5059.

April FRG training sessions are coming

Numerous Family Readiness Group training sessions are slated during April. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your seat in advance.

At Hunter, Spouse Battlemind Training helps you and your Family build resiliency throughout the deployment cycle with discussions on social support, Family roles, taking control, talking it out, loyalty and commitment, emotional balance, independence, navigating the Army system, self-sacrifice, and much more. The workshop will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., April 1.

Other FRG Training events at Hunter include FRG Funds and Resource Training, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 4; FRG Leader Training, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., April 18; FRG Leader Live Wire Exchange, which offers FRG Leaders an opportunity to share ideas, information and resources from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., April 22; and an evening Key Caller Training will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 23. Topics include an overview of Key Caller duties, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls and how the Key Caller fits into a successful FRG.

To register for FRG trainings at Hunter, please call 315-6816.

At Stewart, Key Caller Training will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., April 2; Family Care Team Training from 6 to 8 p.m., April 9, offers training for all individuals invited or interested in being a Care Team Volunteer to assist Families of fallen and injured Soldiers; FRG Treasurer Training covers the rules and regulations that govern the FRG, to include financial resources available, fundraising rules and more from 9:30 a.m. to noon, April 16; and Basic FRG Training from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., April 28.

To register for FRG trainings at Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059.

Stewart ACS to host kids' movie day

Children of Soldiers that are currently deployed are invited to a free, fun movie (ages 13 and younger) at the ACS-Stewart Family Readiness Center beginning at 11 a.m., April 4 and 18. Parents can watch TV or use our computer lab while the kids enjoy the movie and free popcorn.

For more information, please call 767-5058/5059.

ACS investment seminar opens soon

Stewart offers a four-session investment seminar Tuesday evenings starting at 6 p.m. beginning March 24. Investing is easier than you think! With just a little bit of money and a lot of knowledge, you can begin investing in your future. Come learn about the different types of investments, investment options, products and language.

To reserve your seat, call 767-5058/5059.

Home finance class spots are now open

Sign up now for money management where you'll

learn banking basics, how to properly balance your checking account and participate in discussions on debt management, credit and credit reports. These personal banking skills help you take control of your money.

Call 767-5058/5059 for the 1 p.m. session at Stewart, March 25.

Daddy Bootcamp is coming soon

Men who are expecting a baby or have children up to age two are invited to an interactive class where you'll learn the correct way to hold, diaper, dress and bathe your little one. Challenge the stereotype and take the initiative to be a hands-on Dad. Mom will be thrilled, and you will reap the reward of building a special bond with your child that will last a life-

Please call 767-5058/5059 for the 10 a.m. class at Stewart, March 25.

Parenting classes to open in April

Parents with children ages 5-12 are invited to learn discipline strategies, problem-solving skills and steps to improve communication with your children. Taught by an experienced educator, Active Parenting Now will help strengthen your Family relationships. Three two-hour sessions are offered from 9-11 a.m., April 1, 8 and 15 at Fort Stewart.

Please call 767-5058/5059 to register.

Employment help is available

Employment Readiness Teams offer a variety of free workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Job Hunting 101 offers instruction on various topics in the job search process to include resume writing, networking, interviewing and dressing for success, 11 a.m., March 26 at Hunter.

Resume Writing helps you identify skills to enhance your resume development, offered at Stewart at 2 p.m., March 23 and at Hunter at 10 a.m., April 5.

If you are seeking a job with the federal government, come learn insider tips for entering your resume in the electronic system, searching jobs and maximizing your skills for the most impact. Resumix is offered at Stewart, March 25 beginning at 3 p.m.

You must pre-register for employment readiness workshops; please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also, request a personal employment counseling session, and let us help you prepare to find the job you want.

Winn Briefs

Health Screening

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic is hosting a school health screening by appointment only, March 28 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The screenings will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration.

The screenings are by appointment only and scheduling closes March 27.

To schedule an appointment at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

Please turn-in all medical records and copy of shot record no later than March 27.

This will help expedite the process and reduce your waiting time

Online booking

Do you book your flights online? Why not book your medical appointments online?

Just register and log onto www.tricareon-line.com today. If you have problems or questions, call 1-800-600-9332 and choose option 8 or call (210) 767-5250.

Volunteers

Winn Army Community Hospital is seeking adult volunteers who are interested in performing administrative, clerical or clinical duties throughout the hospital.

The next hospital volunteer orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m., April 2 in the Patriot Auditorium at Winn.

For more information, call Brigitte Shanken at 435-6903.

Cancel booking

If you need to cancel your medical appointment, call the cancellation line at 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Follow the prompts to cancel your appointment.

This will create more open appointments and decrease the length of time it takes to get an appointment.

Thank you for helping us by helping you with your access to care.

3rd HBCT chaplains host Celebration of Life concert

Spc. Ben Hutto3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division capped off their suicide stand down day with a Celebration of Life concert at the Kelley Hill Chapel on Fort Benning, March 6.

The event, attended by approximately 150 people, featured six different musical groups from the Columbus area.

"Everybody loves to come here and do stuff for the Soldiers," said Sgt. Jeremy Stewart, the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd HBCT, chaplain assistant. "They look forward to giving back to those of us that sacrifice and do so much for them."

Stewart, who organized the event, was thankful for everyone that attended the event. He said over half of those in attendance were not servicemembers who came out to support the event.

"We often hear that the civilian side supports us (Soldiers) and considers us heroes, but very rarely do we actually get a chance to see it up close," said Chap. (Capt.) Philip Jeon, 1/15 Inf. Regt. "It was wonderful to see all of these different groups, civilians and Soldiers, come together and celebrate the joy and true meaning of life."

Jeon said that the event was fitting ending to the suicide training the brigade Soldiers went through the entire week.

"Tonight is about recognizing the fullness of the life our Creator has given us, not just in this world, but for all eternity," he said. "Everyone's life, from the lowest ranking private to the most seasoned veteran, is important. Tonight we recognize that."

Army FMWRC offers great getaways

Tim Hipps *FMWRC Public Affairs*

Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command is sponsoring the "Great Getaways Sweepstakes." The contest will run through May 31. The grand prize includes a sevennight stay at one of five Armed Forces Recreation Centers, a luggage set, a digital camera, a set of golf clubs, and \$2,500 for travel expenses. Active duty U.S. military personnel from all branches of Service, Reserve, National Guard, retirees, Family members and Department of Defense civilians 18 and older are eligible for the contest. The sweep-stakes is not open to employees or Family Members of FMWRC, the Armed Forces Recreation Centers, or the contest sponsors; USAA and Stars & Stripes.

Eligible patrons may enter online or via a 3-by-5 card with name, address, telephone number and e-mail address sent to Great Getaways, P.O. Box 150304, Alexandria, Va., 22315. Limit is one entry per day. For more information, visit www.afrcresorts.com.



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